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AL-KIKHYA

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THE FOLLOWING IS BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON MANSUR RASHID
AL-KIKHYA (PHONETIC: KE K E UK) (ALSO SPELLED KIKHIA), LIBYAN
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS:

MANSUR RASHID AL-KIKHYA, 44, WAS APPOINTED PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN AUGUST 1975; HE HAD
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PREVIOUSLY HELD THAT POST FROM JANUARY TO JULY 1972. HE

NEXT SERVED AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNTIL APRIL 1973, WHEN HE LEFT THE GOVERNMENT TO HEAD A PRIVATE LAW OFFICE.

A STRONG ARAB NATIONALIST, KIKHYA IS NEVERTHELESS MORE MODERATE THAN CHAIRMAN MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAFI. HE IS CRITICAL OF THE UNITED STATES, VIEWING THIS COUNTRY AS A THREAT AND DEPLORING THE US COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL. HE HAS BEEN CORDIAL TO INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN, HOWEVER. KIKHYA'S ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHER COUNTRIES IS COLORED BY THEIR POLICIES TOWARD THE ARAB STATES.

WHILE A LAW STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAIRO, KIKHYA EARNED A REPUTATION AS A LEFTIST AND A SUPPORTER OF THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD. THIS HURT HIM WHEN HE RETURNED TO LIBYA AND TRIED TO GET A JOB DURING THE CONSERVATIVE REGIME OF KING IDRIS, SO HE DECIDED TO CONTINUE HIS STUDIES AT THE SORBONNE. HE RECEIVED A LAW DEGREE IN 1957 AND WAS IMMEDIATELY APPOINTED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. KIKHYA SERVED AT THE UNITED NATIONS AS COUNSELOR DURING 1967-69. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE WHEELUS NEGOTIATIONS WHEN IN TRIPOLI.

INTELLIGENT AND REASONABLE, KIKHYA IS CONSCIENTIOUS AND HARD-WORDING. SOMETIMES CHARACTERIZED AS "MACHIAVELLIAN," HE NEVER MANEUVERS IN OBVIOUS WAYS BUT ATTEMPTS TO WIELD HIS INFLUENCE INDIRECTLY. HE IS A BACHELOR AND HAS NUMEROUS GIRL FRIENDS. IN ADDITION TO HIS NATIVE ARABIC, KIKHYA SPEAKS FLUENT FRENCH AND ITALIAN AND FAIR ENGLISH.
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